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A. M. E. CHURCH LEADERS.

CHURCH ORGANS DISCUSSED—LITERARY MEN BEST SUITED

For the Work—Bishop Tanner's Idea When he Created the Review—Dr. J. M. Henderson a Man of Marked Ability.

Morimus, the cynic philosopher, used to say, "That all things were but opinion." Now this saying may be used to good service if one does not undertake to carry it beyond the actual meaning. Affairs of state are directed by opinion. As civilization goes forward the freedom of speech is increased, earnest thought is encouraged, and thus the wisest and best minds gradually come into the lead. While the humblest citizen willingly submits to the guidance of the prominent and wise men of his country, yet he reserves to himself the right to have his say. It is the very fact that he has this privilege that reconciles him to submit to be governed. In the A. M. E. church the Bishops are the leaders of thought; after them come the general officers and then preachers and laymen who take rank according to their ability and the courage and consistency with which they advance their opinions.

I would not be presumptious or as over-anxious to force my views upon my brethren, but having been born and raised in the church and being an humble minister of the same, I cannot help but feel sincere interests in the great movement now going forward. What I say may have little weight, because it comes from an obscure preacher, but if my words be true in themselves, they will impress all honest minds as having, what truth always has, dignity and importance. Therefore, in the following lines I rely, not upon the source from which they come, but upon the truth which they convey to win for my opinions such recognitions as they may merit, be it great or small.

Being at Washington and other great centers lately, I have been permitted to pick up a great deal from the conversations of Bishops and other leading men of the church. I find there is gradually coming to the front a revival of the determination to reach the higher circles of our fellow citizens and to impress them with a more correct view of the actual ability of the Afro-American. We are all beginning to see, just what was seen years ago, namely, the literary door is our best means of gaining access to the learned and thoughtful people of the world. Our Recorder is a church organ and is intended to acquaint our ministry and laity with the practical affairs of church life, but the Review is intended to be, as Bishop Ward often said, "The cream jug of Afro-American thought," and should be the medium of communication between our best writers and the intelligent world. Bishop Tanner had this idea when he created the Review, and did very much to demonstrate its practibility. When he was made Bishop, Dr. Coppin was selected to go on with the task, but just as Bishop Tanner says, Dr. Coppin is not suited to the work.

There is some talk of the possibility of his promotion. Anyhow the probabilities are that whether he goes up or not, there will be a vacancy in his present office. It is this opinion that has lead to the renewal of the plan of keeping the Review separate from the Recorder. Seeing the possible vacancy, there is much talk as to who is the proper man to fill it. Rev. R. C. Ransom, of Cleveland, O., has been mentioned. He is a graduate of Wilberforce. and is said to be one of our most cultured and progressive pastors. His articles in the Recorder are always nicely written and are full of earnest thought, fearlessly expressed. He has had such experience in practical publishing as would at least give him a good ground work upon which to start in an editorial career.

Dr. J. P. Sampson, Presiding Elder of the Lancaster District of the Philadelphia conference, is also strongly mentioned. He is very well known, and has for years been regarded as a man of ability. He has served the church with earnestness and success and merits recognition. But of course the chief question is, who is best suited for the work? Dr. Sampson also will be a member of the general conference, although like Cook, Bryant, Butler, Brock and others, he was defeated in his own conference because he was not regarded as being favorable to the promotion of Dr. Coppin, but was supposed to be an advocate of Dr. Schaffer's. However, he will represent Hayti, and Butler will represent Ontario, so we have Ransom and Sampson from which to choose. Bishop Tanner, whose opinion in this matter will naturally have a great deal of weight, has been carefully going over the ground. He says that a man to fill the place must not only have great literary ability, but must be practical, business-like, energetic and right up to the times. He has lately said, "I would not favor Dr. John M. Henderson for the Recorder, if he ran for it, because he would be too radical, but he is just the man who is fitted for the Review."

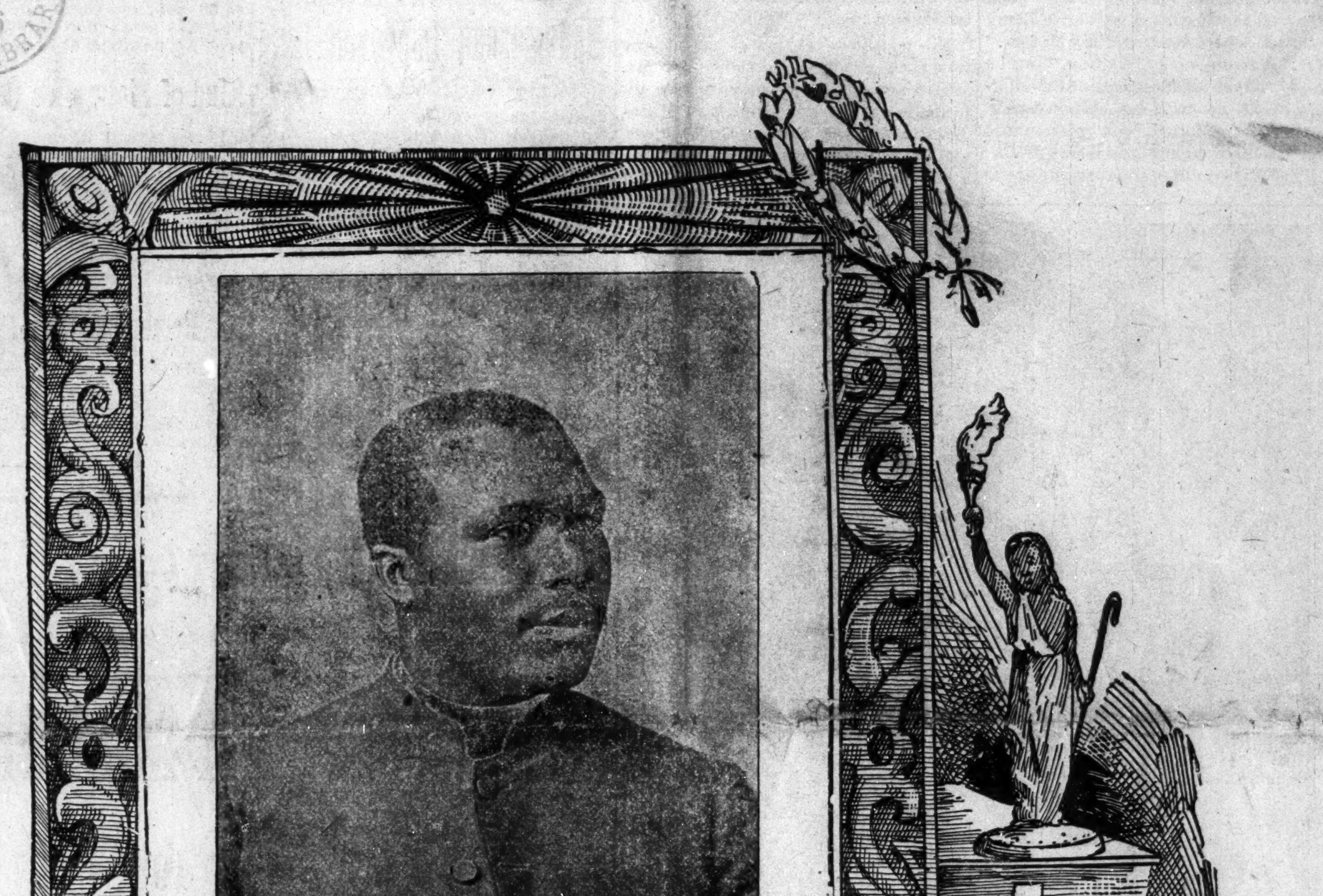
While I would not presume to express an opinion, I at least can tell some things about Henderson which will help others to know him better. He has been greatly misunderstood. He is chiefly known through his articles in various paper. These writings have been of such a nature as to make him appear like the son of an anarchist, but having known him as a pastor for nearly fifteen years, I know that he is fully capable of regulating his writings and utterances according to his task. As a pastor he has never had a failure, never had a church fuss, has never spoken harshly or been spoken harshly to by a member, but has always not only absolutely governed his church, but has done so without friction or unpleasantness. I also know that in personal contact he is modest almost to diffidence, is very humble and gentle in his manners and soft and persuasive of speech. He is a young looking man of medium size and has a quiet air that shows a keen reader of human nature that he holds himself under full command and possesses beneath his subdued manners a spirit as frank and fearless, yet as well commanded as ever characterized men of mark. He is a highly educated man, having his way to pay through college, he devoted his vacations to various agencies and other occupations which called for much travel.

In 1880 he went to St. Louis, Mo., and there met representative men of the church who were engaged in the ministry. He immediately determined that his place was in the ministry. I was visiting him at a little charge in Missouri, paying less than one dollar a week, during the winter, when a letter came from a large manufacturing house offering him a position which would pay more than $1000 per year. He declined to accept it. I have seen him slowly but steadily fight his way upward and onward, until he has become what he is now, and his excellent work in New York City, taking old Bethel away from her bad location, and moving into the present magnificent structure on West Twenty-fifth street, proves him to be a master of his situation, as well as a man of marked ability, and this grand work was accomplished without a murmur or complaint. The bright future of African Methodism in New York City will owe itself to the grand work of this master mind possessed by Dr. Henderson. He took a medical course in the Detroit, Mich., College of Medicine, graduating with great honor, and has added to this extensive research and practice in the Post Graduate school and hospitals of New York City. His practice of medicine is confined to charity and he makes it entirely auxiliary to his work as a pastor among the poor.

Among his personal friends are many publishers and editors of some of the leading periodicals of New York, such as Dr. Sanderson, business manager of the Christian Herald which has an income of more than $400,000 a year. His success as a pastor, as an individual, and as a race man is the best indication of his ability to serve the church. If the election of an editor for the Review is based purely upon the desire to secure the man who will best serve the church, Ransom, Sampson and Henderson are three good men from whom to choose.

Dr. Henderson has always said that he does not seek any office, and that he is not the kind of man who could win enough votes to be elected, but that he would rather stay in the pastorate and be free to contend for reform. In this I believe with all my heart that he is sincere. I have only written this because I want to have my say. I know that personal friendship has perhaps made me somewhat partial to Drs Sampson and Henderson. I have never met Ransom, but I have heard a great deal of him. Now, brethren, I have said what I had to say and will feel satisfied with what those who have the authority see fit to do.

REV. DANIEL PAYNE BROWN,
Albany, N. Y.



REV. EVANS TYREE, M. D.,
Pastor Quinn Chapel A. E. E. Church, Louisville, Ky.
Candidate for Bishop.

Disastrous Wreck—Wedding Bells.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

A misplaced switch caused a disastrous wreck on the L. & N. railroad the 12th, inst. A freight train ran into a turn table and killed a brakeman. The engineer and fireman were injured. The engine and three cars were wrecked. Stephen Kimbrough, aged about 61 years. died at his home, 32 Paradise street. Richard Jones died at the home of his son, Louis Jones, Jan. 31st. He was about 75 years of age, and leaves a wife, son, three daughters and a host of friends. Samuel Garnett and Miss Carry Hutcherson were married Feb. 2d. Mrs. Henry Roberts is on the sick list. Robert Knight, a furnace hand, was burned from feet to waist Feb. 13th, by a white man named Chas. Davis, employed at the furnace. He was arrested and bound over under $1,000 bond to await the action of the grand jury. James Andrews, about 23 years of age, who lives at Port Royal, fell on Second street, Feb. 14th. He was suffering with a spell, and was foaming at the mouth and was unable to speak. He was removed in the wagon in which he came to town.

Mrs. Mary Williams at Rest.

Ft. Bayard, N. M., Special.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Williams, wife of Elbert Williams, of the 4th Infantry band, was largely attended by the members of the garrison on the 11th, inst. The management was in charge of Principal Musician, Archie Wall, and the pall bearers were six members of the band. Rev. Allen Allensworth, Regimental Chaplain, conducted the services, which were very effective. The choir was ably assisted by Mmes. Samuel Thomas and Zack Ewing. The band played "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "Flee as a Bird," at the grave. The music, under the leadership of Walter H. Loving, was well rendered, and moved many to tears. Many officers of the garrison with their wives attended. Mrs. Williams was of a cheerful and loving disposition, and had many friends in the garrison. In the bloom of youth she was taken from a kind and indulgent husband who has the sympathy of all in his hour of deep affliction.

Leadville Notes.

Leadville, Col., Special.

The 9th was German day at the Ice Palace. Only two colored faces were seen in the parade. Mrs. Emma Dixon has returned from Denver after several months absense. The protracted meeting at the A. M. E. church is still in progress. Married at the A. M. E. church on the 9th by the Rev. J. T. Smith, Mr. Woodson to Miss Cooper. They will live at Cloud City. About fifteen have been added to the A. M. E. church during the revival meetings. The wife of the Rev. Mr. Redd of Aspen, came over on the 11th to assist with the revival meetings. Mrs. Dan Myers of the Queen City, came up on the 12th and is the guest of Mrs. H. E. Everetts. Mrs. M. W. Hodges and Mrs. Bessie Carter are among the new converts of the A. M. E. church. This is a jolly week at the Ice Palace. Quite a number of our people visit the Palace from other cities.

Quarterly Meeting and Socials.

Clarksville, Ark., Special.

We had a fine quarterly meeting here which was presided over by Rev. G. W. Swan, the Presiding Elder of the Fort Smith District, and Rev. B. Finney, pastor here. This conference was one of the best witnessed in this place for many years. P. E. Swan took his text from Matt. 26th-29th verse. The anit raised this quarter was $20.20. Progressing rapidly at this little place with our new pastor, Rev. B. J. Finney. Our literary officers are as follows: Prof. W. D. Davis. president; W. M. Thomas, vice president; Prof. W. D. Perry, secretary; V. McBirts, manager; and R. L. Newton, critics; Bro. A. Blackburn, chaplain; Miss Mary Joiner and Neater, choristers and a committee of three on program. Our society meets every Tuesday night. The exercise consists of songs, prayer, reading the scriptures essays on topics of useful thought etc. It is the intention to make this society entertaining and instructive for old and young.

AS TO WALLER'S RELEASE.

REV. CÆSAR A. A. TAYLOR DIFFERS FROM PREVAILING

Sentiment—A Douglass Spirit Needed—Words to "Reuben Ray"—An Aspirant for Congressional Nomination.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Allow me space to say that I never expressed an opinion on the Waller episode, because I differed widely from the prevailing sentiment of our people on the subject, the same with the late Atlanta Negro Exhibit, yet I did not want to jeopardize the race's probabilities for final freedom by what I might say in point. But now that France is to conditionally release him, I feel free to say publically what I have from the first entertained, that France held him fairly, he having been politically indiscreet in committing an international breach by correspondence with the Managascan Nation in defiance to French law. Simply because it is a colored man and a colored government concerned, we ought not, I think, be blind to the fact that certain governmental relations in the nature of treaty rights, recognized protectorate, etc., existed. And then be it remembered that the justice of France's claim in Madagascar was never seriously questioned or disputed by any other power, not even by Madagascans until the so called Waller intrigues? See?

I differ again from the prevailing sentiment on the Cuban Belligerency question, from the fact that those who appeal to the sword as an arbiter can not hope to escape its decisive consequences as the bushwhacker, guerilla warfare by the Cubans evidences. These men should either openly and on an honorable war basis, lick the Spaniards or stand up like men and take their medicine. Secondly—when did the Insurgents ever, with a decent respect for the opinions of the rest of mankind, declare that they had properly sought by peaceable means, relief from Spanish oppressions, and having failed, do now appeal to the civilized world as to the justice of their cause. Third—Is it not a fact that not a majority, but a few seditious agitators aided and abetted by American adventurers and misguided sympathizers first stirred up the contention resulting in so much loss of property and precious lives of innocent, inoffensive men, women and children? Again, I say I will not be blind to the facts simply because Maces and other Negroes are in command—an honorable course only will positively justify and the future ages applaud, I differ again from him who says that another Douglass is not needed.

The condition to-day is such that not only a Douglass, but another to begin where Douglass left off and do what Douglass left undone. We need not him who compromises to win us an open way, but one like Disræli, who is skilled in diplomacy, yet will, with resolute, bold and dignified defiance, plead and work with a manly eloquence of voice, pen and personal effort, hewing down a way, when forever after we, as a race, may come up and go on, being remembered in honor as we individually and collectively approximate the manliness of him who is yet to come as our Moses to completely emancipate us. A race may be sacrificed and princinles surrendered for dollars, but those dollars will never substantially build a race, neither secure for all time to that race equal praise to that bestowed upon him who, while thought to be a true leader, is after all but a diplomatic sycophant, kissing the hand that knifes to the death while it gives. Oh God, open our blinded eyes!

A word to "Reuben Ray" and I am done. I may have made, as he thinks, a bad break, but it is better that one die, even I, if to insure life and tranquility to a deserving race—the Negro race of which I am a member and love not less than I love my life. When Sampson, of bible lore, pulled down the temple upon his tormentors, it may. and may not have been well for himself, but it insured a better day for the Israelites remaining. If God does not raise up a Moses or a Sampson, a David may be found. If not, then "Here am I, send me." Enough. Of course we all, more or less, have some opinions of our own, if we are not big men, and moulders of public opinion along lines of right and consistency. Little men sometimes grow by right and conscientious thinking to be big men, and by the verdict of the people. In this state, I have made a Republican opportunity after they were six years without even a ballot, and now I am an aspirant for Congressional nomination, and if the Negro himself does not defeat me in the convention, I will not only be the nominee, but will go to the National Congress. Then listen, mark my words, my time will come.

CÆSAS A. A. TAYLOR.
Jacksonville, Fla.

News Notes—Personals.

Poplar, Bluff, Mo., Special.

The A. M. E. church had a baptizing at six o'clock a. m. on the 9th inst. Four converts received the baptism as follows; Alonzo Powell, Henry Gatlin, Misses Adeline and Martha Wright. An over coat was stolen from Henry Gatlin in the switch yard on the 8th inst. Gus Evans got seriously cut by a white man on the 9th inst. There was a grand entertainment given by the stewardess of Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church on the 10th inst. Mrs. McFarland and Miss Ida Kindall of Randolf county Ark., arrived in this city on the 13 inst., and spent a few days visiting friends. The colored Bluff City cornet band received a call to attend the birthday party of Miss Archie M. Wyatt at the residence of Mrs. Mary Craine on the 14th inst, in which all participated enjoyed a grand time.

CONVENTION OF TEACHERS.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN TEACHERS

Prof. C. C. Tindal's Address—Remarks by President Jason, of State College—The Home the Seat of Good or Evil.

The thirteenth annual session of the Afro-American teachers' institute was held in Bethel A.M.E church, Smyrna, Del., on the 5th, 6th, and 7th of Feb. W. H. O. Ennis, principal of school at Delaware City presided. At 9 a. m. the morning session opened by singing "America," followed by prayer by Rev. E. Byrd. Addresses of welcome were then given by Rev. E. Byrd, Mr. James Whaley, L. A. Briscoe and Rev. J. K. Adams which made the teachers thrice welcome. Mr. C. Barrett responded for New Castle county, and Mr. M. M. Beamer for Kent Co., in a creditable manner. After the various committees were appointed the institute adjourned. At 2 o'clock p. m Prof. C. C. Tindal, county superintendent of Kent county, was introduced and gave an excellent address, subject, "School Management" Mr. B. Ruffin then read a paper entitled "My School" in which he gave a brief synopsis of his mode of teaching, which was quite commendable. The Wednesday evening session opened with an organ solo, "Directorate March," by Miss M. H. Sanders, which was brilliantly rendered showing fine music ability. Miss Florence Butler then sang a solo, "Tell Me." Miss Butler posseses a sweet voice and sings well.

Prof. J. E. Cole, the speaker of the evening, was then introduced, gave an excellent address on the "Biography of Lincoln," W. A. Thomas, the popular young elocutionist, then gave a reading entitled, "Why should the spirit of morals be proud?" He bids fair to become a leading star in this profession. A soprano solo by Mrs. H. Agnes Warren entitled, "Night Birds Cooing." Mrs. Warren fully sustained the reputation of having a voice under perfect control, sweet and irresistible. A poem, "Nobody's Child," was then read by Miss Carrie Berry, and was well received; Miss Florence Butler recited "Poor Little Joe," in such a manner as to meet hearty approval of the audience.

Thursday morning session was an executive one, and a paper subject, "Hints on Teaching" by Mrs. H. Agnes Warren was read. It was instructive and interesting, and showed careful thought. The first address of the afternoon was made by Rev. F. Burgette Short of Wilmington, subject, "What Shall I Teach my Pupils?" He was introduced by the president and proceeded to deliver an address,a model of brevity and appropriateness, abounding in choice language and good thought. Miss Rebbecca Eliott, president of a school at Milford, Kent county, read a well written paper entitled, "How are we Building?" Rev. W. C. Jason was then introduced and read a very interesting paper subject, "The Teacher and his Trade," and ably marshalled the supporting facts. The address was one of practical force. After a few remarks by Mr. Miles of Smyrna, the institute adjourned.

Thursday evening exercises opened with an instrumental solo "Auf Widersaen" by Miss M. A. Saunders followed by a recitation, "The Polish Boy," by Miss M. L. Burr. The Miss Burr has a good voice and displayed brilliant ability as an elocutionist. Rev. C. L Jefferson of Wilmington then gave the evening address subject, "Home." It was eloquent, interesting and instructive. He spoke of the home as being the seat of good or evil, and implored the mothers and fathers to see that their homes were purified. At the close of his address the institute sang "Home Sweet Home."

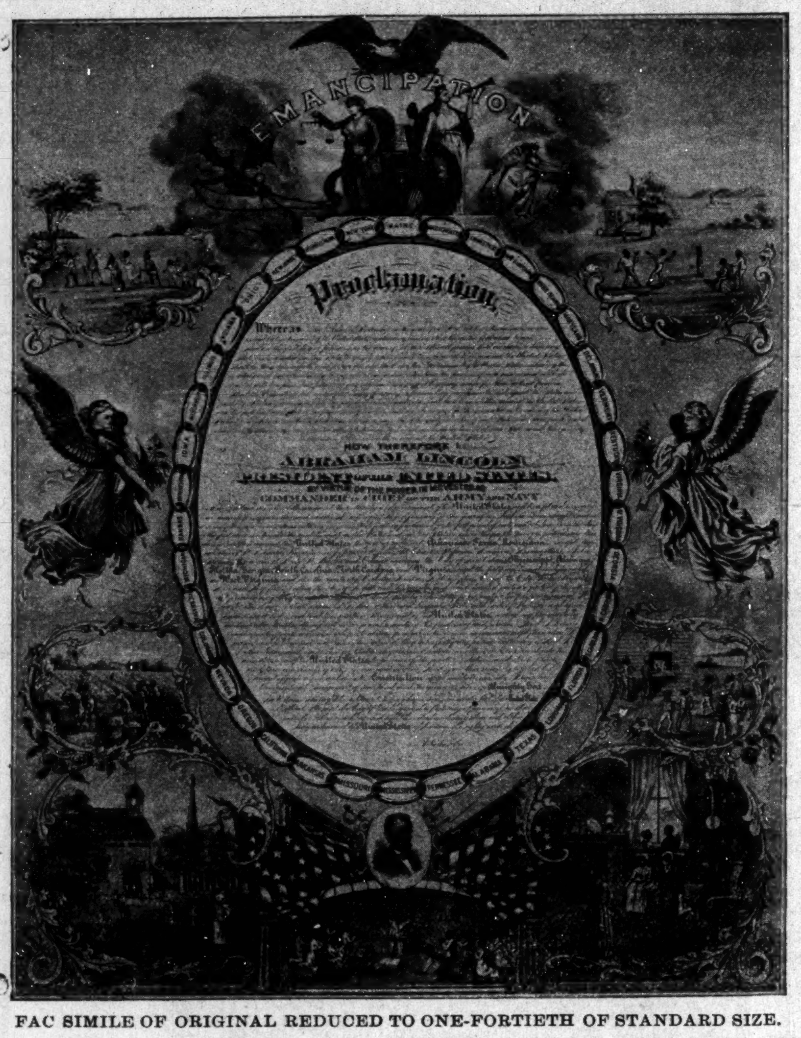
An original "Ode to Sussex," was read by A. Ruffin, which was enthusiastically received by the audience, as it revealed the gentleman's poetical ability. A tenor solo, "Will they answer if I write?" was then rendered by Geo. H. Jones, the Lyric tenor. Miss Florence Butler recited "The Witches' Daughter," in her usual good style. It was followed by the reading of a poem, "Speak Gently," by Miss Ada Hinton, which was quite affecting. Miss Hinton has been twenty years a teacher in the state. "Dot Baby of Mine," was recited by W. A. Thomas, with his usual ability to imitate dialects. Miss Elliott and Mrs. Warren then sang a duet, which closed the evening exercises.

On Friday morning Prof. L. D. Hickland, Superintendent of the Industrial Department of the State College for Colored Youths,was introduced and gave an instructive talk on Mathematics. He discussed the importance of a thorough knowledge of higher branches in order to teach those of an elementary character, and traced the application of mathematics in the various trades. The audience was next entertained by a brief, but impressive speech by Miss Carrie Frye, of Springfield, Mass., who responded to an introduction.

Following this came Prof. S. L. Conwell, of the State College for Colored Youth, who gave a paper on history. He compared the Afro-American with other nations, and gave a lucid history of the part the Negro took in the fight for Independence. He cited Crispus Attucks and others as examples of their love of Freedom. President Jason, of the State College, then made a few remarks in the interest of the State College, and a committee was appointed to arrange for a summer school at said college. Institute then adjourned.

The program on Friday evening was opened with an instrumental solo by Miss M. H. Saunders, which was followed by a recitation by Miss Elliott, which was well received. Miss Cassie Mouserone then delighted her hearers by reciting "A Mountain Maid," and was heartily applauded. We enjoyed another treat when the Lyric tenor, Geo. H. Jones, sang "Leonore." This was followed by a reading, "How he saved St. Nicholas," by Miss Cassie Frye, which was well rendered. Rev. H. A. Monroe, D. D., of Philadelphia, gave the evening address. His subject was, "What has the 20th Century for the Afro-American?" He compared the past with the present, and predicted a brighted future for the Negro. Said he, "Whenever the Negro makes himself useful and has something that the country needs, then he would be recognized." He mentioned several instances where colored men were employed as clerks, and that their services as such had become indispensible to the success of the firms by which they were employed. Miss M. L. Burr then gave a recitation entitled "Tasca," and was well rendered. Miss Carrie Berry followed with a reading, "My Mother." Mrs. Warren sang "Waiting," which called rounds of applause. After singing "God be with us 'till we meet again," benediction was pronounced and the Institute adjourned sine die.

The officers of the Institute are as follows: W. H. O. Ennis, president; A. Ruffin, 1st vice-president; Miss Virginia Johnson, 2d vice-president; Miss Mame H. Saunders, secretary; Miss Eva Hill, assistant secretary; Mrs. M. M. Beamer, treasurerr



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LAWYER JOHN G. JONES

Defends Waller—Waller's Trial Conducted in French Language.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Since John L. Waller was arrested and convicted by the French Government at Madagascar, I have taken an active interest in his behalf, and have made a thorough investigation about the facts in his case, and have consulted with persons who were at the trial at Madagascar, and in order that the public may not be misled or deceived about Mr. Waller's case I wish to state to them, and in doing so, I don't wish it to be understood in the least that I am attempting to criticise the action of President Cleveland or the Secretary of State, for when I went to Washington, D. C., on the 21st of last October and in company with United States Senator Cullom we called on President Cleveland and Secretary Olney about the Waller case, and we were received very cordially and the Waller case was explained to us at length and in detail.

I have conversed with some of the persons who were at the trial of John L. Waller at Tamatave, Madagascar. His trial lasted one hour and was conducted in the French language, which Mr. Waller did not understand, and no interpreter was allowed for him, and at the conclusion of the trial Mr. Waller was compelled to sign some papers under penalty of death if he refused. Mr. Witter, the American Consul at Madagascar, came to the trial and stayed there five minutes, and refused to give any assistance to Mr. Waller in his case. In the Crockett case referred to Mr. Waller was serving as American Consul at Madagascar, was at the request of the Hovas and others there became administrator for some heirs and the money, which was five thousand dollars, was lent out by Mr. Waller for the benefit of the heirs, and upon good and sufficient security, and it has not been shown or proven by anyone that one cent of money ever has been misappropriated by Mr. Waller or has been lost by his management. When Mr. Witter became American Consul at Madagascar it has been shown and proven and not denied by anybody except Mr. Witter that he acted with the French Government, in assisting to destroy and divest Mr. Waller of a valuable land claim that the Hovas government of Madagascar had granted to Mr. Waller, and it is stated by those that do know in the Crockett case that the trouble was first instituted against Mr. Waller by Witter, the American Consul, who wanted to have Mr. Waller removed as administrator and have himself appointed in Mr. Waller's place.

It has not been contended or shown or proven by any person that there has ever been any complaint made by the Hovas or the heirs that Mr. Waller had acted unfair or dishonest about the management of the Crockett case. The letters referred to as written by Mr Waller to Draper and Purdy using the letter as D. & P., were two men that were interested with him in his valuable land claim.

No legitimate evidence has at any time been produced to show that Mr. Waller acted as a spy or gave any information to the government at Madagascar about the French Government, and in the future, when truth will have a hearing, it will demonstrate the fact beyong all question or dispute that the arrest and imprisonment of John L. Waller by the French authorities and the indignities and abuse that he was subjected to by the Representative of that Government will convince any fair-minded person that it was the most unlawful, unfair and unjust act, which has ever been perpetrated upon any American citizen in any foreign country in the whole world.

JOHN G. JONES,
Chicago, Ill., Feb. 12, 1896.

Sentenced But Not Convicted.

EDITOR FREEMAN.

I am a colored man, a Southerner, raised in Sumterville, S C., ran away when under age, been in this country since, and am now incarcerated in this penitentiary for fourteen years for insulting the judge, and this without a trial, secretly transferred here, secretly taken back, and the sentence confirmed and having no friends and in a helpless condition, I could not do anything but submit. I never have been convicted of the crime. I belive the same to be on account of my color as there are three white men here serving from one to 3 years for crime in which it was alleged that I was implicated with them. I would like to have you to find my relatives for me. I read "The Freeman" occasionally, whenever it is sent to me, because I am not able to pay for one myself. First my grandfather George Grag, my father Wilson Mazon, my brother Wilson Mazon Jr., my sister Stella Mazon, my uncles Kelly Grag, James Grag, aunts, Lizzie Miller and Lousia Grag, they can be found through the minister at Sumpterville, S. C. as they live in their own property about twelve miled North of Sumterville, the location of either one of them will put me in communication with all of them. My grandfather is his master's son, if living, is about eighty years old.

JAMES TERRY,
Stillwater, Minn., Prison.

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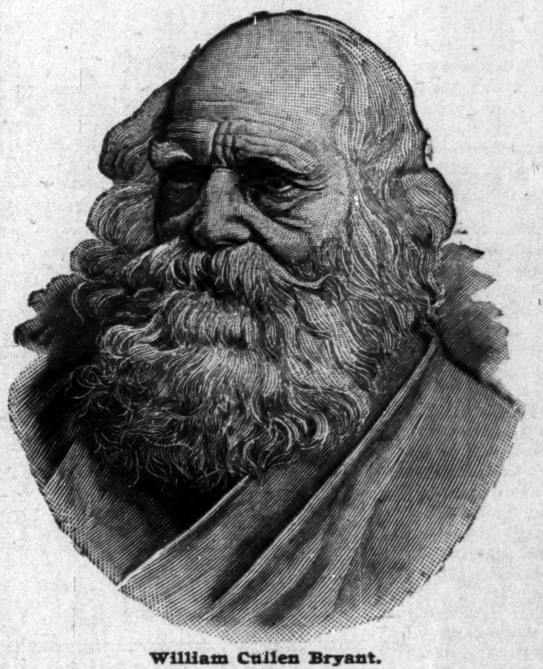

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CHAPTER XXV.

ADMIRATION FOR THE UNKNOWN.

"Happy is he who lives to understand
Not human nature only, but explores
All natures, to the end that he may find
The laws that govern each, and where begins
The union, the partition where, that makes
Kind and degree among all visible beings

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Such converse, if directed by a meek,
Sincere, and humble spirit, teaches love
For knowledge is delight, and such delight
Breeds love, yet suited as it rather is
To thought and to the climbing intellect,
It teaches less to love than to adore;
If that be not indeed the highest love!"
—Wordsworth.

WHEN Miss Wright mailed the short, pointed, poetical letter to Hardy, she remarked to the postmaster: "Mr. Drummonds, if any letters postmarked either 'P——, Westchester Co., N. Y., New York City, Boston or B——, Conn., please return them marked 'unclaimed,' as there are parties in or near these places from whom I do not care to hear."

"If you are annoyed by anybody through the United States mail, Miss Wright, you had better put the matter in to the hands of the proper authorities and let the guilty parties be dealt with according to law."

"N-o-o, I do not want to do that, Mr. Drummonds. We are going away in a few weeks—that is, I am going, and Uncle William thinks strongly of moving away from Beaconsville; he is about to join the conference; anyway I am going away in about three weeks after I close my school and will not tell my whereabouts to anyone in Beaconsville, so then return marked 'unclaimed' all letters received here."

Martha burned all of the proxy love letters and Hardy's appeal for Clark, but strange to say she kept his "open confession" letter. She read and reread it again. There was something about the unknown writer she admired. It was the confession of a person she could not help from classing among her few friends—a man she had never seen, and perhaps never would see; what he looked like she knew not; what his past was she knew not. She knew nothing of his present, save what knowledge she had received from his letter head which told her he was in business at B——, Conn., and from his manly confession. She knew, however, that he was a man of letters, an equal who like herself, was a lover of song and prose, and again like herself a literary critic.

Oh, how she would miss her weekly pen-chats with him! What a void the absence of his witty letters would make! The more she read the confession letter the more she admired its unknown writer. She often put herself in his place, saw her dear aunt or uncle, the only mother and father she had had for years dead; saw herself unable to bury them as she wished; saw some female—perhaps Maud Clifford—come forward and place in her hand the money to lay her dead to rest; saw this timely stranger—friend in need of—well anything within her power. She saw all this and asked herself would she not have done the same as Hardy. She decided that she would have done the same thing under the same circumstances. When she had been the recipient of the letter ten days, she had read it twenty-five times at least.

"Andrew Hardy, I admire your bright intellect, ready wit and sound logic, and I forgive you freely with all my heart, but you must not know it. I must not write to you, henceforth we must be strangers in reality—strangers not only by sight, but by pen and—in heart. No more in my heart, at least must there live the memory of Andrew Martin Hardy alias Joseph J. Clark, my past proxy lover, and—well, must I say it—my present admirer, for I know you have a friendly admiration for me, but I dare not return it. Oh, what am I saying! I do more than return it, but you must never know it. After all, upon sober reflection, how foolish to admire a man you have never seen—not even his picture, and how wicked and unwomanly to admire a married man even if you had seen him ten million times. Still, I would like to meet you, Andrew Hardy, without you knowing who I was, but as that can never be and you are married, I must forget you," she said to herself as she put the letter away and tried to put the imaginary picture of Hardy out of her mind. It would not be ejected, and she often found herself wondering who he looked like—if he looked like this one or that one of persons she knew. When she learned that three letters postmarked "B——, Conn., had been received in as many weeks at the Beaconville postoffice and returned, she relented and told the postmaster if any more came to keep them for her, and when the postmaster smiled and asked her if she had made up with her lover she smiled in return. No more letters came however, and after the school term closed, Martha, her uncle and aunt, sold out everything and left Beaconsville for parts unknown.

When Hardy received the poetical reply to his appeal for Clark, his admiration for Martha knew no bounds; the quotation so quickly found and selected proved to him what he always knew, that she was a literary person of a very high degree. He felt elated and flattered when he analyzed the lines of Heywood: "Never from this sad day." Ah! she regrets the parting, and perhaps—who knows that I am married. She does not want me to move her by word or pen neither, for I understand, myself or friends; now that 'MYSELF' underscored means a lot—it speaks volumes. Oh, how I wish I could meet her without letting on who I was and have a long talk with her and make upon her with my tongue what I have already made with my pen—a lasting impression! then meet her again in after months and get a formal introduction to her."

He wrote three letters to her, all of which as the reader knows were returned unopened. Each return letter, however, raised her in his admiration. It proved to him conclusively that she dared not trust herself to open his letters; he therefore knew that she had admiration for him—admiration she feared might grow into perhaps warmer affections if she allowed herself to be tempted by his pennings. He would have taken a run down to Beaconsville "on business," but he feared that his wife, now a jealous foe, would have followed him, and he was not wrong in this conclusion.

Thus it was that two literary persons who had never seen each other and who had been drawn into correspondence through a third person had found a deep admiration for each other. Each intuitively knew of the other's admiration; each wished foolish chisdish wishes which were driven from the mind to be replaced by still more foolish ones. Time, the great obliterater will however erase from the memory love, admiration, fear, anger, grief—in fact any thing but the busy present, so at last Hardy forgot Martha Wright and perhaps she forgot him.

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Obituary

The memorial services of the late Dr. L. M. Luke, D. D., were held in Houston, Tex. The program was excellent, the first of which was the sermon by Dr. F. L. Lights, D. D., and followed by Dr. C. H. White, D. D. These two eminent divines brought the late hero before the people. Giving the details of his life as a true man of God. The Drs. elucidated Dr. Luke's heroism as a christian warer, who fell at his post. The late Dr. L. M. Luke, D. D., had no boundary, the U. S. and all for Christ. His field of labor was large and he knew nothing of discouragement; he trusted in God, and always went to the front to discharge his duty.

Dr. Luke was corresponding secretary of the National Baptist Convention consisting of three bodies, viz, the National Convention of America, the National Educational Convention and the Foreign Mission Convention. Dr. Lights said, "the convention has lost an able secretary and defender, and the U. S. a loyal citizen." Well prepared resolutions by Dr. S. M. Lyons, M. D., and others were next read. A selection by Miss Mary Austin; song, L.V. Watson and R. L. Jones; after which the congregation sang Dr. Luke's favorite hymn, "Is My Name Written There." The services were very effective. Dr. Light gave out sample copies of The Freeman after services and made a strong talk for The Freeman, "Is the best Negro paper in the world" was his compliments.

Rev. Robert McDaniel was born Dec. 25, 1847, at Yellow Springs, I. T., departed this life Dec. 17, 1895, at Logansport, Ind. Thirteen years of his life was spent among the Indians—he escaped from them and went to make his home in the state of Kansas, where he resided until the year 1863, when he enlisted as a private soldier in the 83rd regiment U. S. Volunteers, and served till the close of the war, and was honorably discharged. After this he again returned to Kansas and remained until the year 1895, when he moved to Howard county, this state, so after arriving he turned his mind to the preaching of the gospel; within three years he entered the itinerant work and has served incessantly for the last seventeen years. He served as pastor in this order, in the following cities: Fort Wayne, Greencastle, Marion, Rockville, Kokomo, Jeffersonville, Washington, thence again to Rockville and finally Logansport. He served the church at this place one year, and so pleased was the membership with his labors, that just before the assembling of the annual conference which convened in the city of Indianapolis in September of this year, the officiary and laity of the church, unanimously desired his return to them for another year. He was returned and began his ministerial work for this conference year, under circumstances which to the observing eye, were not at all flattering, for it could be plainly seen that disease of some kind was fast preying upon him, and ere the first quarter of his labors came to a close, he was compelled to take to his bed on account of sickness. When first stricken down there was a complication of diseases working upon him, later developing into fever, which settled on his lungs. He died at the age of 47 years, 11 months 22 days, after spending a goodly portion of his life in the service of God laboring for the advancement of the Redeemer's everlasting kingdom. He was a quiet, unassuming and exemplary christian minister, loved and reverenced by all. He leaves a mother, wife and two small children to mourn his loss.

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The spelling match between the public schools has created much interest, the parents anxiously look forward to the Thursday night spellings, as do the pupils. Charlie Turner, a bright pupil, has never missed a word, he often spells down thirty or forty pupils. The supper given by the Ladie's Releif Corps was a success. A good sum was realized. Miss Lida Vass of Lewisburg, is attending the female school. We hope she will remain with us.

Tuscumbia News.

Tuscumbia, Ala. Special.

A white lady was robbed of a gold watch and some money last Saturday night. Her husband being a railroad man was out on his run when some one said to be a colored man pretended to have a message for the man of the house and thereby gained admission and threw a revolver in the ladie's face and made her give up her watch and what money she had. Three colored men have been placed in jail but so far neither one has proved to be the right one. The jail door was battered down by a mob, and had it not been for brave Sheriff Grishem one of the prisoners would have been lynched. Mayor Wiley and policeman Gibson deserves the praise of every lawabiding citizen for the manly position they took in preventing their prisoners being lynched.

Mr. Geo. Stalton was married to Miss Maggie Jackson at the Baptist church.

Dr. C. O. Booth held a very successfull meeting at the Baptist church last week. Grand Master Miller of Decatur, Ala., was here in the interest of I. O. I. monday night An interesting meeting was held for him. W. T. Breeding was called to Somerville his old home on business. Rev. T. B. Moppins read an able paper before the ministerial meeting last Tuesday night.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

On the 22d of February more than a century and a half ago, there ushered into existence a personage, who, from his advent on until his exit from the stage of action, stamped his character on the pages of history. George Washington did not, like Napoleon, create a dazzling halo of glory around about, nor did he desend with such velocity, the caverns of Avernus. His was the steady, unfailing light; the genius that guided him on to success amid tremendous odds. The scenes at Valley Forge would have dwarfed the heart of a man less resolute. His memorable and picturesque crossing of the Delaware and his descent on the hired Hessians endeared Washington to the hearts of all Americans and mankind wherever heroism is a theme. His simplicity, modesty and unobtrusive patriotism is held up as examples of true nobility the world over.

George Washington is not only great in America, but in the contemporaneous literature of all learned nations. While he may not be venerated as in America, he stands as the symbol of rugged honesty—natures nobleman. We take great pride in referring to the father of the country. Many of us would detract from him some virtues on account of his participation in the customary practices of that day. With these we have no cause. We feel in common with the American people—that he possessed a great heart, and, perhaps, smoothed the rough road of many unfortunates of another race. He did not have it in his power to set aside an institution so deeply imbeded in the subscructure of the colonies, was he ever so inclined. All honor and praise to Washington, and long may his memory live.

PASSING OPPORTUNITIES.

Lincoln's birthday has come and gone, yet in this city among the Negroes it was scarcely noticed. A school here and there may have noticed it but no general acknowledgement of the day was made. This is a mistake. It would be useless to speak of the relation that should exist between Abraham Lincoln and the Negro. In trying to escape his race the Negro is showing up unpardonable ingratitude. We had a spectacle a few weeks ago of a small band of Negroes trying to commemorate the day they were made "human beings." On that occasion hundreds of Negroes turned up their noses and sniffed scenes afar in order to be absent and thus prevent what they considered self debasement. It is well nigh axiomatic, that a person or nation that tries to forget its humble beginings instead of proudly referring to them, will stand justly rebuked. The Negro is honored by others as he honors himself. The Emancipation day, Lincoln's birthday and Douglass' birthday are good days to observe. It is to be hoped that the Negro in his mad chase to leap the boundary of his people, may pause and consider before it is too late. The whole world is an interested spectator, observing every move he makes. He needs not think that his ambitions, foibles, and prejudices are not noticed. A race that is keen in analysis and discernment is ever on the alert to detect the national traits of the Negro race. It behooves the Negro to act circumspectly or forfeit the right to respect.

"FULL."

"The Matthew Stanley Quay Club of Philadelphia, 120 strong, proposes to attend the Republican convention in a body. They have not as yet secured a place of entertainment. Such clubs had better be prompt about securing quarters, for the hotel men are already replying to Afro-American applicants—"Full."

Such colored men as are members of State delegations will have no trouble The hotels which entertain the delegation will receive them But individuals and clubs composed of Afro-Americans, must apply early. There are no colored men on the Reception committee, nor is the proposed "Committee of Welcome" yet organized. It would be well for clubs composed of colored men or individual colored men to write directly to Mr. Samuel Kennard, chairman of the Citizens' committee, asking him to secure places for them.—American Eagle, St. Louis, Mo.

"Full," the term is explicit as well as comprehensive. Surely we do not catch the meaning to be "full" to "you sir," but not to "you." If such be the case, Hoyts' "Texas Steer" is a big object lesson. One scene shows an influential citizen of his burgh, a colored man of plenteous years, begrimed and bewhiskered, sitting on the marble steps of the capitol.

He is dejected in aspect. His face is the picture of dispair. He utters these cabalistic words: "Dis politics am a mighty po' business." It is not policy to condemn the St. Louis brethren before the facts are known. But if they are up to such tricks, they should have announced it in the beginning.

FEDERATION OF NEGROES.

List of names and brief comments of gentlemen accepting appointment as part of Federation Committee to attend upon the National Republican Committee at St. Louis, June next, and request that a plank be inserted in the Republican platform, pledging the Republican party against Southern lynching and enforcing a remedy. This list will be continued weekly:

Hon. John M. Langston, Washington, D. C.—"I shall be glad to do anything in connection with your committee. * * *. It seems to me that our great Republican National Convention should express itself in condemnation of such proceedings" (lynching.)

John I. Mitchell, Jr., Richmond, Va.—"If your line of action is as indicated, it will meet the support and cooperation, not only of Afro-Americans, but right thinking people everywhere."

Hon. George W. Murray, Sumter, S. C.—"I regard it as a step in the right direction, and heartily accept the post of duty."

Hon. John R. Lynch, Natchez, Miss.—"It is a step in the right direction."

E. E. Cooper, Washington, D. C.—"We fully concur in the letter and spirit of the movement."

E. A. Williams, M. D., New Orleans, La.—"We must see to it that because of an apparent easy victory, that our race is not lost sight of."

A. Miles, Duluth, Minn.; J. S. Woods, Peoria, Ill.; Hon. J. W Cuney, Galveston, Tex.; Hon. John P. Green, Cleveland, O.; John H. Kelly, St. Joseph, Mo.; John Johnson, Galesburg, Ill.; Frank F. Scott, St. Louis, Mo.

Booker T. Washington has been helping observe Lincoln's birthday in Brooklyn. He spoke on the subject of Emancipation before 300 members of Brooklyn's leading Republican organization, including the Mayor of Brooklyn and the Governor of Rhode Island. Mr. Washington made a telling speech. He desires to bring about a new emancipation; to emancipate the Negro to love the white man, and the white man to love the Negro.

The Freeman proudly acknowledges the fact that it has been selected to voice the sentiments of the Federation of Colored Men of America. It feels under obligation to those who brought it about. It will endeavor to promote the interest of the institution at all times. It certainly coverts no notoriety in its new office, but it will perform its mission zealously and jealously.

MR. LINCOLN'S FAVORITE POEM.

Oh, why, should the spirit of mortal be proud,
Like a swift, fleeting meteor, a fast flying cloud,
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,
He passeth from life to his rest in the grave.

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Yea! hope and despondency, pleasure and pain,
We mingle together in sunshine and rain;
And the smile and the tear, the song and the dirge
Still follow each other like surge upon surge.

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'Tis the wink of an eye, 'tis the draft of a breath,
From the blossom of health to the paleness of death,
From the gilded saloon to the bier and the shroud—
Oh, why, should the spirit of mortal be proud?

—William Knox.

AS TO THE REMEDY FOR LYNCHING

I have read very carefully the discussion which has gone on in the columns of The Freeman on this subject, and have no hesitancy in indorsing the position taken by The Freeman. Indeed, it seems to be the only logical view. I cannot see it otherwise, even after the very learned and lengthy adverse argument of the Hon. D. Augustus Straker, one of America's ablest legal minds. But even the brilliant king of day has some dark spots on his face.

Mr. Straker has argued more from his feeling than from his legal learning. But this is a case in which sentiment will be set aside for constitutional right and authority. Already, the sentiment of England, the whole North, East and West, and a part of the South, has been pretty thoroughly aroused, and we are still far away from the remedy. That we need to educate the intellect, or sentiment, or sense of common truth and justice, is plain. But this development must be in the minds and consciences of the people among whom the outrages and lynchings occur. Such is the composition of republican governments as to require it. Indeed, it is not possible for a Republican general government to be strong, to be all sufficient. It is never a full grown man. For the states hold in reserve those powers which alone could make the general government strong—strong enough for the enactment of such laws as Mr. Straker suggests, and as our case requires.

It is next to impossible to execute laws which are not enacted first in the very hearts of the people who are to be affected by them. At least its proven so in the United States of America. The surest, only effective remedy lies in the action of the states, themselves. To them we must go with education for the ignorant, with conscious for the conscienceless, with argument, sound reason, backed by all the moral forces which we can bring to bear, and then lynchings will cease—not until then.

The eminent jourists surely does not hold that the same principals obtain in regard to lynchings as did in regard to the abolition of slavery; and that the attitude of the national government, is the same in each case. The cases are far different, and even notwithstanding that the proclamation was based upon a military necessity sustained by the constitution, the abolition of slavery was, in the end, the action of the states themselves, acting in accordance with their reserved powers, as individual members of the national household.

The learned gentleman must certainly mock when he pleads "heat of passions" for the action of lynchers. Ninty-nine plus one, out of every hundred lynchings, are cold blooded, diabolical premeditated murders. Where could "malice afore thought" from the pursuit, the capture or over powering of offices, or breaking into jails, than is seen in the work of the mob. It is deep "malice afore thought," backed by a fiendish hellishness which would bring shame to the cheek of a Nero. And still it is called "manslaughter." Shame!

The possible obstacles which Mr. Straker sees in the way of the execution of the South Carolina lynch law may turn up and they may not. It is well to bear in mind that it is quite difficult to make a law which connot be evaded. Therefore, is the position of The Freeman more tenable, as there is less inclination to evade laws which people make for themselves. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Straker and his federation for their good intentions and noble efforts. Such men and schu efforts plainly point to "the good time coming."

Reuben Ray.

The Negroes of New York observed Lincoln's birthday in a becoming way at the Cooper Union last week. Hon. Richard T. Greener was chairman, and Randolph M. Patterson, of Chicago, delivered the oration.

THAT CAKE WALK.

We are surprised and chagrined that a performance known as a cake walk, should be tolerated in our midst. Had we known that such unusual preparations were being made to put this burlesque on foot, we would ere this have spoken out in condemnation of this whole affair. The thing has been insinuating, stealing along under our very noses until it blossomed into a full sized disgrace. When the thing was first mooted it had the appearance of some local affair with a ball attachment. But it has proved a huge travesty on the colored people, backed up by dollars of "de white folks." We are sorry that we are not out in time to give the thing a good scotching. Such performances given under the presumed endorsement of the people, puts the people in a bad light. The "cheap" darkey is still in the land, willing to sell his birthright for "a mess of pottage."

Cake walks are institutions of former days.

We have nothing in common with cake walks.

The New York celebration was all right; but the aftermath!

Our men of large calibre seem to have a continuous misunderstanding.

If lynching is more than murder, under what catalogue of offenses shall it be tried?

A $50 speech with $14 off made at New York by Patterson, means about 25 per cent. off for cash.

At last it appears that poor John L. Waller goes free, bereft of everything except breath. The government at Washington says he should be "awfully" thankful for that.

It is a little surprise to know that a man should offer $50 to make an oration, as has been said of Mr. Patterson of Chicago. But then he lives in Chicago you know. It was all right if the goods could be delivered.

Rev. E. Tyree M. D. for Bishop.

Editor Freeman.

A word in relation to the imperative demands of the A. M. E. church. The great need of harmony in the Episcopal and ministerial ranks. The time should come when we can meet and part as brethren. The need in the Episcopal department is sometimes felt when the Bishop is too great for the office and work assigned him. We can see all along the line a marked change in this respect, and from the fact that the more recently made Bishops have come from the rank and file of the ministerial rank. The men whom the next General Conference may elect to this office should be men that have done something for the church, such men as can produce the monuments of their life's work on the altar of African Methodism—let us in electing men bring out, and put forward such as, have in the past, accomplished sometning for God, and the good of humanity. The cranks and grumblers who have been living on the popularity of others, should be let surely alone. Of all the good, tried and true, men whose names have been presented from every section of the country, but few have demonstrated their ability to create and bring out anything of much importance, and not one in five can lay claim upon the church for any real worth or merits as builders, and expanders of God's great church, 'tis true they may point with some pride, to the charges they have filled, and the work done by others whose fields they have glenned may say, "Look what I have done."

Yes, what after some consecrated god called and prospered man has erected the temple and garnished it within and without these great men come to the front and exclaim: "See what I have done!" But let us get down to business; we need more bishops. We need men who come in touch with their fellow men. Our church need good men, such as have been able to lift up and bring out the good they see in others. Men who can lay claim to a godly life and raise fallen man to higher and nobler life. Kentucky and Tennessee have a man, a full pledged African Methodist, one who has stood the crucial test for twenty-five years and one whose work has and does stand out in bold relief, whose oratory is wellknown throughout the church, and whose life and work is known throughout the land. One who could, in a great measure, fill the place of our late lamented Bishop, A. W. Wayman, whose protege he was. He would be an honor to the bench, and a bright and shinning light in the old church of our love and choice. Schoraly and gentlemanly and fully qualified for the work. I mean the Rev. Evans Tyree, of the West Kentucky Conference and present pastor of Quinn Chapel, of Louisville, Ky. He is our choice and we present this claim, feeling that it will find a ready response throughout the connection. He is in harmony with such men as Dr Derrick, Henderson, Coppin and Embry.

Yours for the Church,
B. F. Porter, Jr. M. D.

The Walker-Schaffer Wedding.

Anderson, Ind., Special.

Local papers are making quite a "kick" about the marriage of James Walker (colored) and Hattie Schaffer (white) of Muncie. While the marriage is in direct violation of the state law, it seems as "all men are created free and equal," there is no "kick" coming. It would be advisable to declare sections 2136 and 2137 unconstitutional. Messrs Watkins and Wood will open a barber shop in the Kauffman-Davis block next week. James Chavis was down from Logansport Thursday. Mrs. Emma Watkins is at Greenfield with her sister, Mrs. Richard Curry, who is very sick. Mrs. Thomas Blakemore is home from Franklin. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Lampkins of Shelbyville, Ky., are our new residents. Miss Ida Cannon has returned from Clark's Ky., where she recently closed the second term of school. Presiding Elder Smith is assisting Rev. Chas. Allen of the A. M. E. church in his revival.

Rev. G. C. McPheeters will attend the conference of the M. E. church at Louisville, March 18th. Rev. Benj Jones is the most energetic and successful pastor that the Baptist church has had since its organization. Two of our oldest and most esteemed citizens, Byrd Harper and Mrs. Louis Valentine died within the past month. Mrs. Bass is very sick at her son Fred's residence. In our opinion it would be better for the politicians to arrange for a National meeting in which each state would be represented, and there decide what steps are the safest for the Negro to take. It can never be settled through your nalistic disputes.

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Greenvillage, Pa., Jan. 23, '96.

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Yours truly,
Geo. K. Zollinger.

A small sample can be obtained by sending a 2c stamp to Pretzinger Bros, Chemists, Dayton, O.

Personal Mention.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

The little folks had quite a nice affair at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Brown Friday the 15th at Cotton Belt avenue. Prof. Johnson who is teaching a select school at Mt. Zion church, was in the city Saturday. A. Burrel was on the sick list last week. Mrs. Ella Anderson who has been ill is improving. G. Taylor left on the 13th for Memphis, Laurna Barner has returned to Helena. Miss Mary Bridges left Monday for her home at Jackson, Miss. We are sorry to note the death of Mr. Russell and Mrs. Caloway last week. Mrs. Rose passed through the city last Saturday enroute to Pine Bluff, accompanied by Miss Stringer of Southland College. They called on Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith here. Miss Ida Hurnn called on Mr. and Mrs. Crays last Thursday evening. Miss Georgia was out calling Friday.

TENNESSEE OIL FIELDS.

But one more date—March 10—remains, this season, on which Homeseekers' excursion tickets, at one fare for the round trip, will be on sale, via the C. H. & D., to principal points in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, the Carolinas and Tennessee. Considerable interest has been created by the recent extensive developments in the Tennessee Oil Fields, in the neighborhood of Rugby and Glen Mary, which is stimulating quite a movement to that section by settlers and investors. Excursion tickets allow liberal stop over privileges and final limits, the full particulars of which can be obtained of any official or agent of the C. H. & D. Railway Co.

Latest News.

Fulton, Ky., Special.

The church under the pastorship of Rev. G. W. Lander with Prof. D. H. Anderson organist, seems to awaken great interest in the town and country and is spiritual alive. Miss Harris, one of our teachers, is visiting her home in Virginia. Rev. Harrison will make Fulton his home. Antioch church is progressing. Our school term was supplimented by subscription school. We have a nice band of pupils all interested in their work. A number of our girls seem to be interested in music are doing well. Fulton is on the boom. J J. Barnard is a stirring merchant. All we want is a larger subscription for The Freeman.

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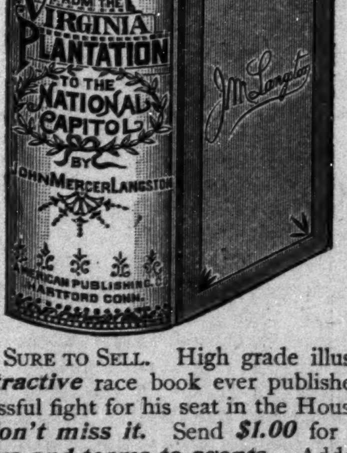

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CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

—We solicit your job work.

J. Wilson was in the city last week.

Miss L. Harris, of Chicago, will visit the city.

—Bring your job work to The Freeman.

Miss Maggie Jenkins is the guest of Miss Flora White.

Walter Gateskill will visit his brother, Charlie Gateskill.

Rev. C. H. Murrill of Noblesville was in the city Tuesday.

Rev. T. W. Henderson delivered a lecture on the 13th at Quincy, Ill.

J. H. Waddlington has returned from Kentucky with his two sons.

George Worthington of the postoffice left last Saturday for St. Louis.

—Best work and lowest prices in job work at The Freeman

J. A. Smith and wife of Monmouth, Ill., passed through the city last week.

W. H. Johnson was called to Owensboro, Ky., to attend the funeral of his little boy.

Elder Murray of Allen Chapel closed a very successful revival, saving over a hundred souls.

Grant H. Clay, Dentist, 95 N. Del. Teeth filled and extracted without pain.

Wait for it! watch for it! "Washington Night," Jones' Tabernacle March 6th! An evening with the muses.

The Blind Boone Concert Company will appear at Robert Park church Friday and Saturday, March 6th and 7th.

Miss McCullom, a teacher in the public schools of Columbus, Ind., spent Sunday with Rev. Alexander Campbell and wife.

Mrs. Jennie Gould, of Anderson, formerly of our city, has returned home after a week's visit to her sister, Miss India Stokes.

No one doubts that "Washington Night" at Jones Tabernacle Friday night, March 6th will be a grand affair. The town will be there.

J. H. Griffin, of Chicago, a well known coal and grain dealer is in the city, expecting to start in business here at an early date.

Simpson Chapel church held their quarterly meeting Sunday Feb. 16. Rev. Foreman of Phœnix Chapel A. M. E. Zion church preached at 3 p. m.

The flower of Indianapolis intellectual and musical world will contribute to your enjoyment "Washington Night," March 6th at Jones' Tabernacle. Wait for it.

Miss Lillian Carter who has been visiting in Terre Haute, passed through the city on her way to Richmond. She was the guest of Miss Lillie Ward Sunday Feb. 9th.

Prof. George Williams of Evansville, an attache of the sheriff's office of Vanderburg county, accompanied an inmate to the Reformatory, and spent Sunday here sight-seeing.

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W. Allison Sweeney will conduct the exercises "Washington Night" evening of Friday March 6th at Jones' Tabernacle. It will be an occasion for the edification and enjoyment of ladies and gentlemen.

There is at least one place in Indianapolis where good money buys good goods without distinction. Mrs. Nannie Parkhill-Falk, Milliner, 47 S. Illinois street, has by uniform courtesy, made a record of pleasing all comers.

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"There is meat fit for the Gods," and also meat "not fit for the dogs." If you want the best of meats go to Sindlinger, No. 207 W. Michigan street, where it is prepared in such quantities that one gets anything that is asked for. Mr. Sindlinger has been so long recognized as the leading meat handler of Indianapolis, that there is no need to sing his praise.

Some can't, but "there are others" who Kahn fit you with a suit or suit you with a fit. The Kahn Tailoring Co., can both fit and suit you with a suit that will fit you; besides the style will please you and the prices will satisfy you. What more does one want? Well, they don' keep "humming birds," but they are making things hum at 20 & 22 E. Washington street.

Mrs. M. B. Marth, the celebrated clairvoyant, of New York tells the Past, Present and Future, and just what you desire most to know. She reads your life's mysteries as from a printed page. You will do well to write her. Mrs. M. B. Marth, 202 Thirty-First street, N. Y. See adv., page seven.

The even run of trade at Maguire's Granger store 174-176 W. Washington street, is owing to the careful regulation of prices and to the fact that the quality is always as represented. Nor does one have to make inquiries around town in order to be convinced that full value at current prices rules at the Granger Store. This house has never adopted the policy of selling damaged or shop worn goods cheap, leaving the buyer to find out later that there has been a snap worked on them. Come once means to come often and be pleased every time. The great sale now on at Maguire's is something worth looking into. Look in the center of our Star Page this week, and profit by what you see.

Bethel Notes.

Fifty persons will endeavor to raise $10.00 each by Easter Sunday.

The Lyceum will resume its meetings at the close of the series of meetings.

Our new attorney, Mr. Royall was introduced to Bethel congregation last Sunday.

All concerts have been declared off at Bethel until the great cantata of Beltchazzar April 29th.

Dr. Henderson preached the sacramental sermon at St. pauls Temple last Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Henderson has cancelled all engagements out of the city until May, When he goes to the General Conference.

No complaints are heard these days about Bethel auditorium being too cold. The new furnace is the cause.

The meetings at Bethel are growing in interest. The pastor is expecting a very distinguished evangelist to assist him if the meetings assumes sufficient importance to justify his coming.

Blackford Street Church Notes.

The Booker T. Washington debating circle and literary meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock at Jones' Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church. All are invited to attend.

Quarterly meeting at Jones' Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church Sunday, Feb. 23d. Rev. A. L. Murray, pastor of Allen Chapel, will preach the sacramental sermon at 3 p. m. All the pastors of the city and their congregations are invited to attend.

A Cantata of "Laila" will be rendered by 100 children, under the management of Miss Ednorah Nahar, at Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church Monday evening, March 9th. It promises to be the grandest musical feast of the season.

Corinthian Notes.

An appreciative audience listened to a sermon delivered by Rev. H. H. Harris last Sunday morning, subject "Indecision," taking his text from I Kings 8:10, "How long halt ye between two opinions?" At night the first sermon of the second series of "Illustrated Sermons" was given. The subject for Sunday evening will be "Little Dogs."

A King's Daughters and Son's Circle was organized Tuesday night, to be known as the "Corinthian King's Daughters and Sons." Elder Harris was assisted in organizing the Circle by Miss Victoria Wilson, president of the Launfal Circle. Miss Catherine Baughman was elected president. Thirty-five members were enrolled.

Mass Meeting.

There was a meeting of prominent colored citizens in the library of Bethel A. M.E. church last Tuesday evening to take some action in regard to the Lillian Fox outrage. Dr. S. A. Furniss was made chairman of the meeting, Joseph Broyles secretary. A committee on resolutions, consisting of Charles Stapp, W. Allison Sweeney and Rev. H. H. Harris was selected to draw up suitable resolutions to present at a meeting to be called at the same place Thursday evening. Addresses were made by W. Allison Sweeney, James H. Lott, Dr. S. A. Elbert and others.

A New Enterprise.

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The opening remarks of Prof. Richard T. Greener, L. L. D., the presiding officer, were as follows: We meet to-night seeking to commemorate in a partial manner the benefit accuring to this nation and the people of the United States by the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the one typical American of the Nineteenth Century. There is in this meeting a memory and inspiration. The memory goes back to the 27th of Feb. 1860, when Abraham Lincoln in this very hall delivered that remarkable speech which showed him no mere stump orator, but an able expositor of the real principle of the constitution of the United States. From this platform he was welcomed by the intellect and the culture of New York City, the venerable poet Bryant presiding. It was here more than in the nomination convention that Mr. Lincoln showed himself to the American people a man fit to be president of the entire people. His tall form, as pictured here before us to-night, rose to the heights of genuine eloquence; of lofty statesmanship and far-sighted political prescience. The next day Abraham Lincoln was known throughout the length and breadth of this land. The inspiration for us to-night is that, we have faith to believe his immortal spirit still walks the American continent, that is here with us again on this very platform, urging us as American citizens, properly to revere his memory and keep his spirit alive by standing always for true patriotism, for devotion to the public good, for the maintenance of our equal rights and equal privileges of all men throughout the entire country. And believing this, we fancy we can hear him exhorting us in the vast echo of those far reaching words which even now reverberate in this hall. "Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."

Young Ladies Entertain.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Rev. M. Vann is spending a few week's vacation in Tullahuma. Rev. J. E. Smith is in Boston. The Literary and Social Union at the Presbyterian church, will render their next program Friday, the 28th. Miss K. M. Daugherty has been quite ill the past week, but is improving. Miss Mary Sewell was ill a few days last week. George Holly is up again after a week's confinement to his bed. The entertainment at the residence of Mrs. W. F. Jackson, Thursday night by the young ladies, was quite an elaborate affair. Dancing was the main feature of the entertainment. Those present were Misses Y. A. Sewell, N, D. Calloway, M. L. Porter, Lucile Porter, Daisy Lowdnes, Mesdames Ada Parker and Mary Mars, Messrs. L. L. Heggie, S. W. Jordan, Dr. R. W. Allen, John Harris, Dr. E. D. Bulkley and C. E. Newton. Dr. E. D, Bulkley, of whom we spoke in our issue of the 8th, is in the city and has his office with Dr. J. B. Dickson on Chestnut street. As a dentist, he is master of his profession, and he solicits and certainly deserves our support. Judge Hugh Whiteside died at his home on College street last week of blood poison. His funeral cortage was one of the largest that this city has ever known. From the number that followed his remains through the streets last Sunday, and from the number of spectators on the street, showed that he was remembered by the whole city. His death is not only a shock to his family and his white friends, but to a large number of colored people also. Subscribers, please note that this is your fourth paper and your subscription is now due. Please be prompt in settling, and don't forget that your subscription is due every four weeks. Cards are out announcing the wedding of Louis Mitchell to Miss Louvenia Brantly. Don't forget that in a few weeks there will appear in The Freeman, cuts of some of Chattanooga best and most prominent citizens. Watch for them. Leave news items for The Freeman at Dr. O. W. James' drug store, 407 W. Ninth street.

The Monthly Examination.

Normal, Ala., Special.

Miss Lowery of Paris, Tex., who recently arrived is now a member of the senior preparatory class. At the monthly examination on the 3rd. inst, the averages were excellent. The Senior Normal class was led by G. W. Trenholm whose average was 99⅘. Several others made an average of 99. W. A. Hunter, the international secretary of the Y. M. C. A,. made several lectures on the 5th and 6th, and also to the students and faculty. He seems much pleased with the progress of the association. Prof. W. H. Councill preached an able sermon Sunday. His text was "Christ healing the leprosy." Prof. E.S. Melton delivered a lecture to the school some time ago which was very instructive. The school has the largest attendance this term than it ever had before. Miss Mary Benjamin of Montgomery, who was called home a few days ago to see her sick grandmother, has returned. She has our deepest sympathy in her bereavement. Mrs. Francis E. W. Harper will make Normal her headquarters while she is in this section.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Celebrated—John Postell's Appointment—The Artistic Dozen Banquitted

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Mr. J. H Hutchison is confined to his room. Prof. J. R. Mayne, recently appointed professor of Math., of the Tuskegee institute visited Prof. A. E. Meyzeek last week enroute to his new fields of labor. Miss Hally Delany of Wilberforce, O., visited the mother of Prof. A. E. Meyzeek last week. Mr. Daniel Lawson, a recent graduate from Fisk, has returned from Decatur, Ala., where he has been teaching, and left his school in a delicate condition. Our present senior class will number about ten and probably it might reach twelve candidates that will offer themselves, through their capabilities, to enter out upon the board anew of life. There is a tendency to make the course more thorough each year, thus decreasing the number of graduates The class was composed of 23 young ladies and four young men in September, and now it is eight ladies and two men. The members of Quinn Chapel church feel proud over the candidacy, of their much beloved pastor to the Bishopric, and express themselves as believing that his success is inevitable

Miss Mary H. Waite, who has been matron of the Colored Orphan's Home for the past five years, offered her resignation Thursday evening to accept a more lucrative position, as a teacher in the Central Tennessee College. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maze were elected by the directors to fill the vacancy, and will assume charge of the Home March 10th. Lincoln's birthday being celebrated by the Congregational churches throughout, of course we feel in line, and an elaborate program was rendered Sunday evening in the Plymouth Congregational church, of which Rev. E. G. Harris is pastor. The exercises were very good, and a large, but well selected audience followed the same with intense interest. Lincoln was discussed in most every phase of life. Prof. F. D. Patterson discussed the boyhood of Linclon; Prof. R. S. Wilkerson, Lincoln as a Scholar; A. S. White attorney, Lincoln as a Statesman; Mr. Huffman, Lincoln as a Laborer; Mr. Danuel Lawson, Lincoln as a Abolitionist; Mr. Robt. Williams, Lincoln as a man; Prof. W. H. Perry rendered a fine solo while the choir did themselves proud with Dr. E. Whedbee as choirester.

The Bazarr given at Twelfth street A. M. E. Zion church, was much a success socially and financially. The Sewing Circle of the church of which Miss Alexander is president, feel elated and much gratified at the result of their laborious efforts to achieve success. The church was crowded each night, and a program composed of the best local talent, was rendered with splendor and admiration. Revival services are being held in most of the churches, and each seems to be doing nicely. Rev. R. T. Anderson of the North street and F. M. E. church is doing remarkably well with his revival services. Mask balls seem to have been all the go this week. The Glenndennon Club's mask ball was largely attended Monday evening at the Odd Fellow's Hall, was quite a success. Miss Ida P. Slaughter, is yet very ill with slight chances of recovery. A party of ladies and gentlemen gave a very neat mask ball at the residence of Miss Carrie Anderson, 23 Magazine street, Monday evening. Quite a pleasant evening was spent, which prompted the merry goers to remain until early in the morning. Quite a popular and an elaborate spread was tendered the Artistic Dozen Monday evening by the Misses Mamie and Dora Maxwell at their residence, 2214 W. Madison street. The meetings of the A. D's. are fortnightly gathering of a very hight order, and is an exceptional social feature of the season.

A pleasant evening was spent after dinner being served at 6 p. m., and the following gentlemen were present: Drs. E. D. Whedbee, A. Agnes, R. Williams and Prof. F. D. Patterson. Miss Ida M. Clark, a popular young lady of the West end, left last week for New Orleans to visit her relatives and witness the Mardi-Gras festivities, The G. U. O. of O. F. are making extensive preparations for the annual sermon which will occur in their hall, Sunday March 1st, with Rev. J. W. Luckett of the C. M E. church, officiating. Prof. J. R, Gilliard's dancing class has been on a steady increase and many new dancers are being introduced. Subscribe for The Freeman. It may be found on sale at Jordans, 944 W. Walnut; La Cigale's billiard hall, 418 Sixth street; and Prather's barber shop, 509 W. Green street. As was expected, though to our sorrow, the appointment of Mr. Jno. Postell as steward of the Western Asylum was not confirmed by the senate. Gov. Bradley has pledged himself to stand by Postell and re-appoint him. The fact of Mr. Postell's fate might have some interference with the Governor's idea about sending more colored men's names before the Democratic Senate for confirmation. Several were promised prominent recognitions, but the present outlook forces us to feel that promises are all that will be held. Now is the time to subscribe. Address your subscription to C. W. King, agent 1427 Stone street.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERARY

Society—The Ladies Social Club—Walnut Hill Notes.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The Young Peoples' literary society of the Ninth street Baptist church, presided over by Edward D. Nickens, the manager of the Nickens Medicine Company is meeting with unbounded success. Last Monday night an able address was delivered by Hon. Geo. H. Jackson, ex-representative. Rev. H. H. Hatcher of Louisville, addressed the audience also. The trial of the chicken thief at the Harrison street literary society last Tuesday night terminated in an acquittal for the defendant.

Some of the sleeping car porters who run into this place are shamefully mistreated by their superior officers. There is no reason why this class of service cannot maintain a strong protection association with a membership of at least ten thousand members. The Young Ladies Social club met at the residence of Miss Marilla Taylor, on Barr street, last Tuesday night and arranged for a series of parties. The follow were present: Misses Marilla Taylor, Anna Hart, Carrie King, Gertrude Hart, Annie Price, Edith Troy and Fannie Dunlap.

The pastors of the various churches in the city are rejoicing over the wonderful success in their revivals meetings which continue with unbated interest.

COLLEGE HILL NOTES.

Last Sunday R. Campbell, of the St. Paul Baptist church, preached quite an interesting sermon from Judge 11-35 last Sunday. The churches are doing well here. Rev. Theodore Wilson, of the M. E. church, is conducting a successful revival. The remains of Sidney Morgan, who died from paralysis, were shipped to Paris, Ky., after funeral service at the late home of Mr. Morgan by the Rev. Dr. Phillips, of the First Paptist church. Mr. Morgan leave a large family and a host of friends to mourn his loss

WALNUT HILL NOTES.

The members and friends of the Second Ward Republican club have fitted up a neat gymnasium which will be a a mecca for all lovers of the manly art "Surgar-pot" Hill, the pugilist, will make it his headquarters; Calvin Flood. manager. The Crescens were donated beautiful library last week by Mrs. Geo. Washington, and it is now located at Miss Rebecca Fiarson's home, on Foraker avenue. The members expect, in the near future, to have it fitted up with the works of some of the best authors. Lewis Daniels, reported so sick last week, has taken a back set, on account of the sudden change in the weather. Mrs. Harry Russell entertained with a delightful dinner Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Mattie Heinla, 440 Oliver street, this city. The Easy Going Social club held its last regular semi-monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. Sarah Elbert-Taylor. Miss Minnie Smith made a flying visit among her relatives and frienes last Saturday and will return to Wilberforce College Monday to resume her studies. The measles raised cane last week among the children at the Colored Orphan Asylum, The sale station for The Freeman is at Frank Wall's restaurant, corner Park and Westminister avenues. Quarterly meeting services at Browns Chapel last Sunday were conducted by Presiding Elder, Chas. Bundy.

Douglass Literary Society.

Pontiac, Ill., Special.

Rev. J. D. Patterson who has been carrying on revivals for three weeks, had a paralytic stroke while preaching. Mrs. Hatfield is very sick, also Mrs. Babb. Mrs. M. Barton was called to the bedside of her sick sister, Miss G. Somerville at Fairburg, Ill. R. A. Barnes, head waiter at the Phoenix is able to get around. Mr. L. Franklin spent a few days last week in Aurora, Ill. The Daughters of Tabernacle gave a grand entertainment at the Baptist church Saturday night. Mr. Albert Hamilton is progressing nicely in his studies at Ann Arbor, Mich. The Misses Johnsons spent a few days in Chenoa, Ill., this week. The Frederick Douglass Literary Society will meet at the A. M. E. church Friday evening. One of the most interesting features of the evening will be the Douglass Herald, music by the Silver Tongue Quartette. Mr. H. Moore spent a few days in Onarga, Ill., this week.

Lodge News—Personals.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.

Christian Lodged No. 48, F, A. Y. M. met in their regular stated convention on Tuesday evening February 11th, at their Temple 1227 Locus street. There a was large attendance of members and visitors. After business of importance was transacted preparation was made to confer the degree of apprentice on six candidates, Past Master James Bell acting as master of honors. The lodge is in a flourishing condition, having a large increase in membership since the first of the year. W. M. R. R. Johnson is working to make this lodge the best in the city.

MYSTIC SHRINE.

Pyramid Temple A. A. O. N. M. S of Free Masons located at Philadelphia, held a regular meeting at the Temple Hall 1227 Locust street, Feb. 12th, this is the first in the city among colored Masons and is making rapid progress to the front. The grand Potentate Isaac Holland took pleasure in giving the myteries to four thirty-three degree Masons, five Masons applied for the mystic degree. After the adjournment the members and visitors assembled in the reception room of the Temple where refreshments were served. On Tuesday evening the Keystone Republican Club elected the following officers: President. H. M. Kelley; first vice president, C. T. Smith; second vice president, A. N. Gregory; secretary, A. D. Houston; assistant secretary, A. Wilmberly; treasurer, Robt. Carr; marshall, Thomas Thomason. Robert R. Johnson and Geo. H. Truitt spent Sunday in Chester, Pa. The engagement of Miss Annie Purnell to Mr John Martin, both of this city, is announced. W. S. Miles left on Monday for Trenton, N. J., where he will remain temporarily William Hayes is visiting his parents in Milford, Del. Solomon Garris, trustee of Penna Lodge No. 1, K. of P, who met with a severe accident a few weeks ago is reported well again.

POLITICS IN RICHMOND.

Dr. E. K. Watts for Coroner—K. of P's. Give a Grand Entertainment.

Richmond, Ind., Special.

Dr. E. K. Watts, candidate for the office of coroner, subject to the Republican nomination, is the son of J. Watts whose record as a soldier and Abolitionist is very remarkable. He was wounded in battle and died from the effects. Another very striking point in his favor is that Hon. J. M. Townsend late pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church who is now pastor of Quinn Chapel, Chicago, was the chaplain, and when it came to lay away the father some of the friends of the deceased were about to raise an objection to a colored man officiating over the grave and would have succeeded in carrying the objection into execution had not Dr. E. K. Watts, the son and now the candidate interfered and said among other things that he knew his father was always interested in the elevation of the colored people, and to object to Hon. J. M. Townsend officiating over his father's grave would be a thing never to be tolerated by any member of the Watts family. In regards to B. B. Myrick, candidate for treasure there is not a single colored person in all of Richmond that fails to say he is their choice and will vote for him. Hon. Dr. Hilliard is the only colored practicing physician in the city. He is a graduate of Cleveland Medical college. The Freeman wishes him success. At the K. of P. hall the 15th a grand entertainment was given. Among the distinguished guests present were Rufus King, Cole Nelson, and Grant White. They were entertained by the committee on arrangements. There was effected at Mt. Moriah church a choir composed of Misses Thomas, Huel, Ralston, Arnold, Rice, Scott, Shelton, Freeman, Smith, Masters Lewis, John Brown, Cannon, Jackson. A grand concert was given at the A. M. E. church Thursday night J. W. Cunningham who keeps the leading shoe store at 616 Main street, says he wants The Freeman delivered to his store each week. It is right for our people to patronize such men as patronize us. Geo. H. Knollenberg takes The Freeman. He keeps a large clothing store on Main street. Leonard Hiatt, Richmond's baby, says The Freeman can always lay on the table in his barber shop. Mr. Hiatt is a shining star for our young men.

Ray Harris is the owner of a set of Britanicas Encyclopedias on law. Mr Harris is a fluent speaker and a natural born orator. Saintes, Dennis and McKnight were the guests of Mrs. Foster last week. The debate at Mt. Moriah church, "Resolved, That Art is more attractive to the eye and mind than Nature," was represented as follows: Affirmative, Ira D. Chase, Master Clay and Utley; negative, Mr. Jones and his two assitants, in which the former won. Literary at Bethel A. M. E. Monday nights, which was organized the 17th. Elder Simons of Bethel A. M. E. church made things warm Sunday night in his sermon. He took for his text the "History of the Children of Israel," the substance to push forward in a unit. He portrayed the danger in self importance and the lack of interest in one another. The Freeman wishes to say that unless we take interest in one another we can do nothing. so therefore take a copy of The Freeman and help the good work along. Ira D. Chase, agent and correspondent.

Clarinda News.

Clarinda, Iowa, Special.

Mr and Mrs. Turner have been on the sick list for four weeks Mrs. Turner is a little on the mend now.

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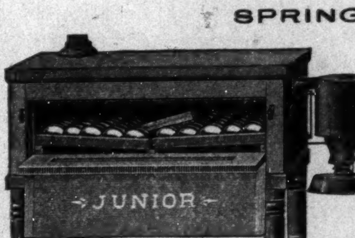

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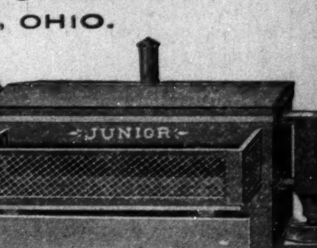

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THE EPISCOPAL COMMITTEE

OF THE COMING GENERAL CONFERENCE, WILL HAVE MUCH

To do with the Saving of Time of that August Body—An Early Election of Officers Desirable and a Step Toward Reform.

The basal principle that underlies all conscientious legislation for the church, is the honest desire to promote the true welfare of the church. The execution of this worthy end is often interfered with by personal sympathy for some individual, or by personal prejudices against some other individual. It is only the well disciplined mind that can rise above sympathies and prejudices, and act according to principle.

When we consider the large number of ill-trained men who are to be found in all Afro-American conventions, we should not be surprised to see how often some wily orator is able to play upon the feelings as to produce a perfect stampede, and send the majority whirling and dashing in incontrollable and irrational fury against the most helpful and temperate of measures. A "slogan" is all powerful in a General Conference, and before it the most potent arguments fall like shattered glass. This has been the history of every convention of Afro-Americans, secular or ecclesiastical, except one held by Alabama farmers and presided over by Booker T. Washington, of which I know anything.

As reasonable people, none who are thoughtful, should expect too much of the coming General Conference. In fact, the wisest men of the church look forward to it with dread. There is not a Bishop who will feel easy until it has adjourned, because no one can tell what may be done, where reason has no sway and where untrained emotions run riot.

There is a great deal of talk among the more sedate about reviewing the Discipline and recasting many things, but there is little probability that much will be done along such lines. The probabilities are that the history of the past will largely be repeated. It will come about this way: The weaker candidates for various offices will seek to delay the elections in the hope that they may "saw some more wood" before voting time. During all of this delay every man will be on his guard and will take no decided stand on any question, and will lead off in no measure that is not decidedly popular. Thus the church will be deprived of fearless legislators, guided by honest convictions. If any candidate is manly enough to take a decided stand, the opponent will seize the opportunity and raise some "slogan" and thus drive him to retract or to sacrifice votes. It is not a pleasant thing to say, but these are facts that cannot be denied. When at last the elections come off, there will scarcely be a week left and the men will begin to flee for home.

The Episcopal committee will have the power to avert much of this evil by meeting early and promptly making its recommendations, But there is so much wire pulling going on in the effort to secure the chairmanship of that committee that little reason to hope much from it is left. From away over in Africa come letters advocating a certain man as chairman; from Philadelphia there go forth other influences and so on up and down the line. Why would it not be wise to head off this secret work by openly picking out some well known and trusty man like Dr. B. W. Roberts, of Texas, and electing him immediately?

The first name on the list of this committee will be Rev. I. W. Roundtree, of New Jersey, and he will, by custom, be temporary chairman. Now why not all agree, ahead and openly on some man for permanent chairman and elect him unanimously, so that he will be under obligations to no special person or persons, but will be free to act with complete impartiality. I merely suggest Dr. Roberts, of Texas, because he is a fearless and strong man, and is the pet of no Bishop. He has stepped aside from the race for higher honors, and like a noble brother, is giving his support to Dr. Armstrong for the Bishopric; why not give him this recognition?

If not him, then let some one else be named openly. There is always something sinister about secret, silent working. Men are going about decrying the frankness of the secular press, and yet are secretly working like Turks for and against their brethren. I can point out a number of such instances, and probably will do so.

But back to the point. If the Episcopal committee will organize promptly and render an early report, during the second week the elections can be held. There are reasons for believing that all of the Bishops will favor this course. In the conferences the delegates were generally elected on the second day. Thus much bitterness was averted, and the business of the conference was not delayed. Only a certain number can be elected anyhow. Let each man who feels called to a place, pitch in and present himself. There is nothing wrong about that. To say so is to act the hypocrite. Men who declare they never sought office are not believed, for people know better. They may not have sought it one way, but they did another. I have received written evidence sufficient to contradict any contrary statements. But everybody knows anyhow, and we only listen with a hidden smile at the man who protests that he never sought promotion.

We know that the A. M. E. church has too many able men for any indifferent man to be so needed as to be pulled over the heads of willing workers into a high seat. Let men who are called for office, and whose friends honestly believe in their superior fitness, be presented to the church and discussed. Men who are afraid to be discussed and seek secrecy, have something to hide.

Let men be discussed ahead of voting time, and then when the vote is taken, let the fortunate men humbly thank God and their breathren and let the others go on with whatever their hands find to do. Somebody must be disappointed, somebody must be elected; let each stand on his merit and be content with the results. If early elections are held the results will be more rational and other matters will also receive attention. Early elections will be the first step toward a reform.

JOHN M. HENDERSON.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All articles intended for this column should be addressed to the Literary Editor, The Freeman.]

J. Ed. Green is arranging dates for his famous Diamond quartett in Southern Indiana.

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Prof. P. C. Lowry, America's great est colored cornet soloest, traveling with the Nashville students, was presented with a gold barton three star cornet costing $125, by members of the company.

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Jamestown, N. D. Times. Ishman's famous Octoroon will appear in this city on the 9th of March, Tom McIntosh and wife, and Tom Brown old Indianapolis favorites are with the company.

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James White an Indianapolis boy now traveling with the Nashville Students through Arkansas and Texas writes us that the company is meeting with wonderful success. He was presented with a diamond shirt stud on his last birthday by members of the company.

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Here is what the Griggs Courier has to say about the performance of Lew-Johnson's Minstrels at Cooperstown last week: Lew Johnson's Plantation Minstrels gave their exhibition in the courthouse at this place Wednesday night, over 300 people being present, every available foot in the large court room being occupied. The show was good and those present had a good laugh for the first time this winter. Mr. Johnson's troup is a gentlemanly lot of fellows and the entertainment all through was strictly moral and very entertaining.

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Manager Lew. Johnson the well known amusement manager, whose name has been before the public for the past 32 years as manager of the best colored musical and other combinations, is at present traveling through North Dakota as manager of the Plantation Minstrels; on the evening of the 7th inst. at Edgely, after the overture had been rendered, Mr. Allen McDonald, stage manager, called Mr. Johnson to the frot lights, when Prof. Holland leader of the orchestra, in behalf of the company, presented Mr. Johnson with an elegant gold watch as a token of their appreciation of him as a manager; and their regard for him as a gentleman. As this date marked his 32nd year in the business it was a most fitting time. Mr. Johnson in a neat speech responded to the good will of the assembled company, at the conclusion of which, amid the applause of the large audience the play continued. Long may he live, as an example of what pluck and energy can accomplish; and when the scroll of Time shall be enrolled, they who are to come will see opposite the name Johnson, the words:

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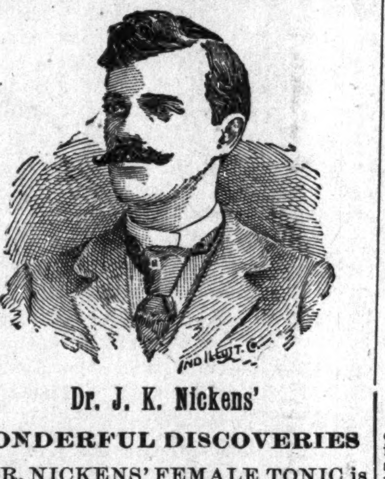

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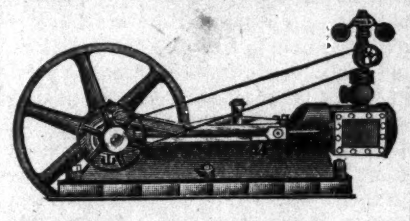

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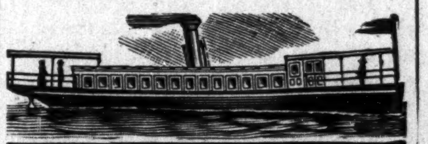

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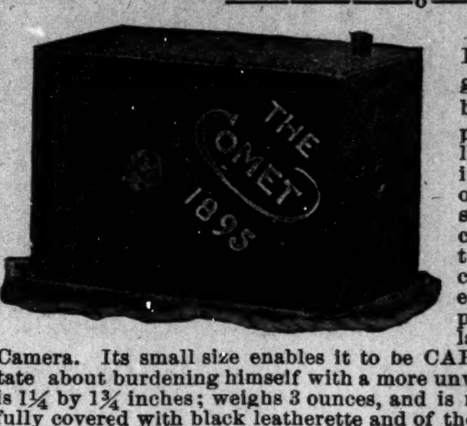

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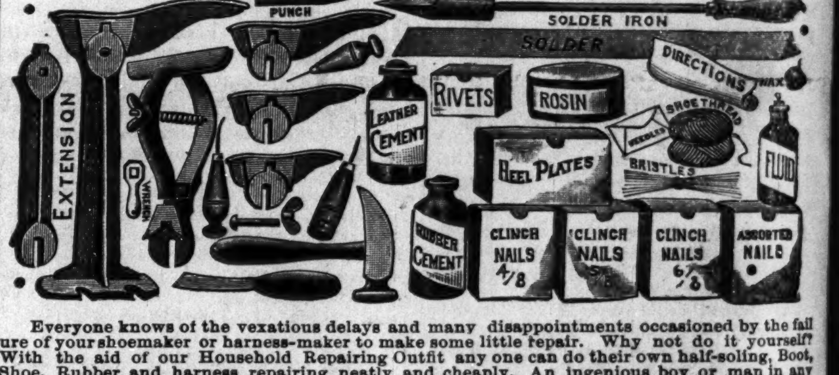

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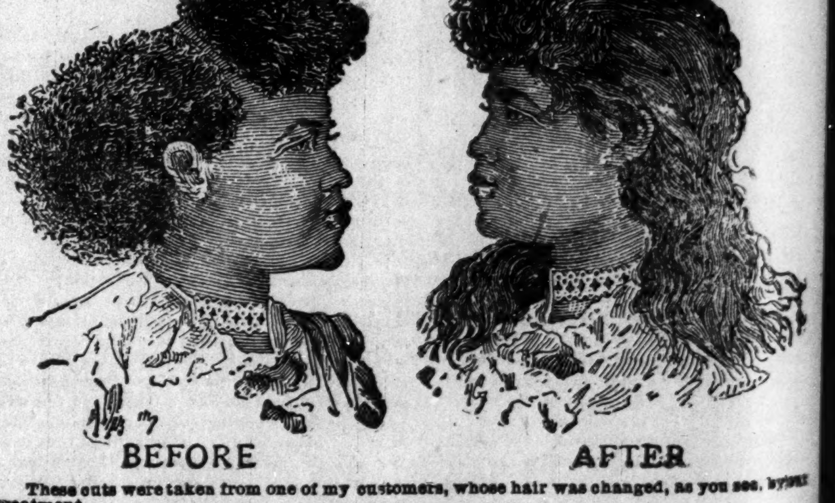

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He was born on the estate of Hunt Reynolds, near Lexington, Ky., in 1860. His father and mother were slaves. He was always a favorite with Mrs. Reynolds (now Mrs. L. P. Tarleton, of Frankfort, Ky.,) and it was due to her early influence that Murphy developed those gentlemanly characteristics which distinguished him from the average run of jockeys. His first experience with horses was gained by exercising the thoroughbreds owned by Mrs. Reynolds. His first regular engagement as a jockey was with the old Kentucky firm of Williams & Owens. His first notable victory was on Spring Branch, when he won the Blue Grass Stakes in Churchill Downs on September 2, 1876.

From that time Murphy's rise was rapid. He rode for Williams & Owens during the season of 1877 and won almost all the big events of the East and West. In 1878 he left the Williams confederacy and rode as a free lance until 1884, when he signed to ride Ed Corrigan. It is a fact that all his contracts were made out in the name of Mrs. Tarleton, who acted as his guardian in all business matters.

It was while riding for Corrigan that Murphy married. The ceremony was performed in Mrs. Tarleton's home in Frankfort and was attended by horsemen from all over the country. At that time he was at the zenith of his fame, and his name was known from one end of the world to the other.

In the spring of 1885 occurred an incident in his career that he never forgot. Among the entries for the Kentucky Derby were Joe Cotton, which Jim Williams afterward sold to the Dwyers brothers for $20,000; Morris & Patton's Bersan, the "horned horse," and Favor, and Corrigan's counterfeit, Irish Pat. Feeling ran high among Kentuckians and Tennesseeans as to the merits of Joe Cotton and Bersan. The former represented Tennessee and the latter Kentucky.

On the night before the memorable race Joe Burt, the auctioneer for Cathcart & Hughes the Louisville pool sellers, sold one of the biggest pools ever made on a race. Williams and his friends bought Joe Cotton in the pool for $10,000. The Kentuckians, headed by Green Morris, paid $8,000 for Bersan and favor coupled. The sale of the remaining entries brought the pool up to $27,800.

That night Green Morris met Corrigan at the Galt House and asked him to let Murphy ride Bersan. Corrigan refused, stating that if his entry, Irish Pat, won he would land a fortune Murphy tried to get Corrigan to consent, but all to no purpose. As a consequence Murphy rode Irish pat in the Derby and finished in the ruck. Joe Cotton won by a narrow margin from Bersan who was badly handled throughout the race.

When Murphy dismounted in the paddock he cried like a child, and declared he would never ride for Corrigan again. He had his revenge, however. On the following week Joe Cotton and Bersan met in the Clark Stakes. Henderson, who rode the former in the Derby, again had the mount, while Murphy had the leg up on Bersan. The scenes which prevailed on Derby day were repeated. Excitement ran high among the partisans of each, and it was estimated that at least $200,000 was wagered on the result.

The race was any easy one for Murphy and the "horned horse." He had Joe Cotton beaten at the head of the the stretch, but despite this Murphy rode like a demon to the finish and beat the Tennessee representative, as the saying goes, "a block."

In 1885 Murphy signed with E. J. Baldwin and piloted the famous Emperor of Norfolk in all of his races. He afterward signed with J. B. Haggin, and rode Salvator and Firenzi when this famous pair captured all the important events on the Eastern turf.

It was while riding Firenzi at Monmouth Park, in 1890, that Murphy met with his first set back, from which he never recoverd. The race was the Monmouth Handicap. Firenzi finished last and Murphy actually fell off the mare's back when he pulled up. He was accused of being drunk and the judges suspended him. That he was drugged and the victim of a conspiracy involving some of the biggest bookmakers of that time was believed by every one who had any knowledge of the facts. Though the disgrace broke his heart and really ruined his career as a jockey, he accepted his fate and never as much as intimated who the guilty parties were.

Since that time he had ridden for various stables, but his fame had gone. Last season he rode Lazzarone in Brooklyn Handicap and finished second to Hornpipe. Murphy always considered his win on Modesty in the first American Derby at Washington Park the luckiest of his career. When they reached the stretch Bob Cook was on the rail, Modesty next, and Kosciusko on the outside. Not an inch of daylight separated them. In the run to the finish they kept so close together that Murphy was able to lock the leg of the boy on each side of him. He kept them there to the end and landed Modesty a winner by the narrowest of margins.

Race Gleanings.

The Wilmington, N. C., Police Commission has appointed several colored men on the force.

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Messrs. Ogesby, of Xenia, and Doll, of Chillicothe, are enrolling and engrossing clerks, respectively, of the Ohio House of Representatives

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Thos. Jefferson, a popular young man of Indianapolis, Ind., is in the East, and will give recitals in Pittsburg and other large cities.

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Memphis, Tenn., has one printing office, three groceries, one cafe, nineteen hackmen, one drugstore, one dentist, six schools, two silver-smiths and thirteen mail carriers.

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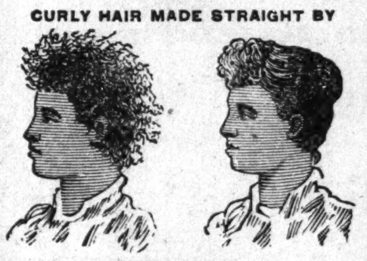

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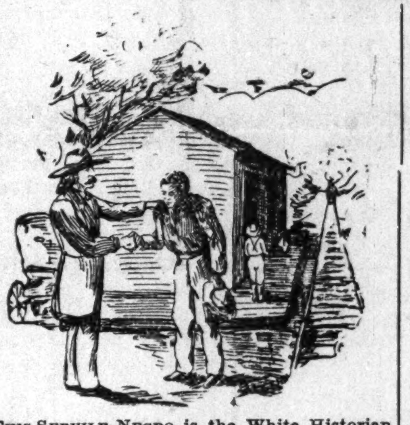

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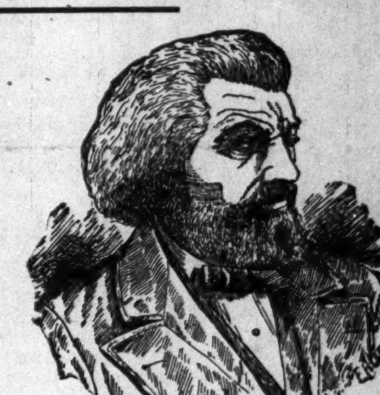

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